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GENERAL ORGANIZATION

As previously reported, the 14th General Convention of the I.W.W. will convene at Chicago on November 13, 1922. Headquarters in Chicago are busy making preparations for this convention, at which, according to HARRY FEINBERG, Secretary of the General Defense, great changes in the organic laws and constitutions of the I.W.W. will be discussed and decided upon. Calls have been sent out from Headquarters to the various Industrial Unions, to hold mass conventions for the purpose of devising ways and means for effective organization campaigns in the various industries and to elect delegates to the General Convention. In larger unions, delegates will be chosen at field conferences, through the delegate convention system, while the smaller industrial unions will elect their delegates at mass conventions. Representatives of the larger unions, as well as the General Executive Board, are in favor of the delegate convention system, and condemn the old custom of electing delegates at mass conventions. They claim that through the delegate convention system, it will be possible for the rank and file to determine the conduct and recommendations of the Convention, and that the delegates thus elected, will represent definite views held by certain groups as to policies and principles, instead of each delegate representing merely his own opinion and views.

It is said that the coming General Convention will be the scene of an open clash between the Eastern and Western

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delegates and that radical changes in the general administration and policy, as well as some constitutional changes, will be discussed and decided upon.

INDIVIDUALS

CLAUDE ERWIN, at one time a resident of this city and recently General Organizer of OIL WORKERS I. U. #230, was arrested at Long Beach, California, on August 30, 1922, and charged with criminal syndicalism -- according to information obtained at I.W.W. Headquarters.

NEWSPAPER AND LITERATURE

The "INDUSTRIAL SOLIDARITY" and the foreign language I.W.W. papers of the last issue, do not contain anything of importance.

The recent injunction against railway unions is commented upon only by an announcement that the Executive Council of the A.F. of L. will meet on September 9, 1922, to consider an order for a General strike.

MEETINGS

In connection with the Grapes Festival, held under the auspices of the Hungarian Branch of the I.W.W., at Roosevelt Road Garden, 7427 West 12th Street, Chicago, on September 10, 1922, HARRY FEINBERG, Secretary of the General Defense Committee and COLOMAN MIHARIK, member of the Hungarian Central Organization Committee, delivered addresses, appealing to the membership of the I.W.W. for financial support for the General Defense.